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Title : METHOD FOR EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM A DATABASE

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Washington, D.C. 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTPrior to examination, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:In the claims:Amend claims ~~4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 14~~ as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 1, characterized by the further step of initially assigning a different binary code to each unique value of each data variable in said database and storing the data records in binary-code form.

5. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 1, characterized by the further steps of initially identifying all data tables in said database that have variables in common, and assigning virtual connections between such data tables, thereby creating a database with a snowflake structure, wherein said connecting tables are located between said boundary tables in said snowflake structure.

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